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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2005, for which a response is due December 13, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Summary** begins on page 12 of this paper.